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S/TF -- Statistical

A. Function (original)

1. Assemble and supply data on the movement in international trade of specific commodities; i.e., penicillin, copper, cotton, cameras, hydrochloric acid. Centralize all data in one place. (Main concern is with E/E and E/W trade.

.2. Assist research section of S/TF in spare time. (Never any spare time so (1) is the sole function now.)

B. Why Established

1. Research section was being called on to perform two somewhat distantly related tasks:

a. Analysis and interpretation of international trade and financial problems. (Competence here, as in many sciences, depends on dealing with manageable aggregates; i.e., groups of commodities.)

b. Supplying information on the flow across boundaries of specific commodities; i.e., cigarettes, machine tools.

c. Research men were using library and intellofax and was time-consuming and inefficient.

2. "a" is an "outward" looking function and "b" is "inward", (macro vs. micro economics).

C. How A.1. (above) Function Performed

1. Available data assembled.

a. In ITR from CIA, etc., documents.

b. Trade agreement files.

c. Miscellaneous files on foreign trade.

2. Reporting

a. Assemble data, on request, from foregoing sources in report form.

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D. Clientele

   1. All divisions of ORR; OCI; FI; D/E; State.

   2. Distribution of time among clientele.

      a. D/M - 75% (in part an indirect demand of D/E)

      b. D/I } 20%, about equally divided.
         D/E
         <u>95% of total</u>

      c. S/TF/Research - 1%, less than

E. Duplication of Records in Intelligence Community

   1. <u>Trade Agreement files</u> also in State and Commerce, but probably not set up on quite the same basis. CIA Library not checked.

   2. <u>Miscellaneous files</u> probably in many places.

F. Clientele Evaluation of Service

   1. <u>S/TF research men</u>

      a. Trade agreement files very valuable.

      b. Miscellaneous files - valuable.

      c. ITR data, only as a last resort: <u>i.e.,</u> where no trade agreement or other data available (i.e., ███████ on Bulgaria).   25X1A9a

        <u>Reasons:</u>

        (1) Coverage of data unknown.

        (2) Data generally so detailed that not in form readily useful for economic analysis.

   2. No other survey made of clientele evaluation.